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## SET UP NEW FERTILIZER PLANT

TO USE NEW PROCESS -- Berlin Taegliche Rundschau, 17 Aug 50

A new phosphorus fertilizer plant is being built in Ruedersdorf near Berlin under the supervision of Dr Schaetzel, National Prize Winner. The plant will supply the agriculture of Brandenburg, Sachsen, and Mecklenburg. Production is to start in October 1950.

Dr Schaetzel's new revolutionary method will be used in the manufacture of the fertilizer. In this process, potassium salt is added to the crude phosphate at a high temperature instead of the sulfuric acid heretofore necessary. Fertilizing experiments at many agricultural experimental institutes have proved the new superphosphate of equal value to other commercial superphosphates, and even better results have been achieved with it as a fertilizer for beet fields.

Construction of this plant is the first step in raising fertilizer production to reach the Five-Year Plan goal. The new method will result in decreasing the consumption of pyrites, which have to be imported.

ESTABLISH GERMAN FARMERS' BANK -- Berlin Der Volksbetrieb, 15 Mar 50

The provisional People's Chamber of East Germany has established the Deutsche Bauernbank (German Farmers' Bank) which will assume the financial direction of the agricultural cooperatives. The bank will make available short- and medium-term credits for supplying collective farm enterprises with the means of production and for payments to the peasants for products delivered to the collection and trading stations. Long-term credits well be granted for the expansion of cooperative installations and for the development of farms.

The Deutsche Bauernbank will function under the supervision of the Ministry of Finance as the central institute for agricultural credit unions, with its seat in Berlin. It has a basic capital of 50 million Deutsche marks, 47.5 million for which were furnished by the East German government and 2.5 million by the five cooperative banks of the Laender. The bank will be responsible for issuing directives to the credit unions concerning the safeguarding of the financial economy.

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NOTES RESISTANCE AGAINST NEW FARMERS -- Potsdam Maerkische Volksstimme, 22 Aug 50

Great resistance against new farmers has been noticeable in many localities. The old owners of big farms and the local heads of the communities have done everything to discourage new farmers. Many new farmers have been overcharged by private builders because of their lack of experience and the lack of any help or advice for them.

In the Westenfahnov community in Kreis Westprignitz it has become clear that there was mailtious intent on the part of individual private builders and of the Landbau Ltd.; some of the 62 buildings for new farmers which were started in 1949 have had to be torn down and rebuilt because of bad foundations and poor construction. Many new farmers have not been able to get ahead and others have shown no interest in their farms. Should these new farmers not be able to deliver their quota or get into difficulties in other respects, then it will be necessary for county counselors to examine their plight and give them every possible help.

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